

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Final Office Action mailed on October 19, 2005, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 3, 5, 11-12, 35, and 37 are amended, claims 14-32 are now canceled, and no claims are added. As a result, claims 1, 3-9, 11-13, 33, and 35-39 are now pending in this application.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement filed on 07/20/2005 did not satisfy 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document; each non-patent literature publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein was not entered.

Legible and complete copies of the appropriate foreign patent documents accompany the Information Disclosure Statement filed with this response. Applicant respectfully requests that a copy of the 1449 Form, listing all references that were submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement, marked as being considered and initialled by the Examiner, be returned with the next official communication.

Claim Objections

Claims 3-5, 11-12, and 35-37 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant was required to cancel the claims, or amend the claims to place the claims in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claims in independent form.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's suggestion to rewrite claims 3-5, 11-12, and 35-37 in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant has rewritten dependent claims 3, 5, 11-12, 35, and 37 as independent claims. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 4 and 36, respectively depending from independent claims 3 and 35, as amended, are currently in proper dependent form. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that

claims 3-5, 11-12, and 35-37 are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of objections to claims 3-5, 11-12, and 35-37.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 1, 6-9, 13, 33 and 38-39.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney Donald J. Coulman at (541) 715-1694.

At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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